

Amendments to the Specification:

Please **AMEND** the first full paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 3 as follows:

A1
If the delay in the network 16 is long, such as for example 150ms, which may be caused by voice packetization and local area network (LAN) ~~propagation~~ propagation delays, echoes in the network 16 as a result of acoustic coupling become ~~audible~~ audible thereby detracting from voice quality.

Please **AMEND** the first full paragraph on page 9, beginning at line 1 as follows:

A2
For example, assuming the echo canceler 70 will achieve an ERLE equal to 18db, it can be expected that the residual echo signal will be eight ~~times~~ times smaller than the estimated echo signal. During execution of the echo suppression algorithm, an envelope equal to 13798 is generated by solving equation (1). The expected echo signal has a value equal to $(1379/8)=173$ after solving equation (2). The closest power of two mask is 0xFFD00. Assuming it is only necessary to improve the ERLE with 12db to achieve a total ERLE equal to 30db, the least significant bits can be leaked yielding a mask equal to 0xFF0F.